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Transmitted herewith for filing regarding the above-referenced patent application, are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Response to Non-Final Office Action dated December 18, 2008 (12 pages);
2. Exhibit 1, Zhu, *et al.*, Nature, 293:2101-2105 (5 pages);
3. Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time (1 page);
4. Check No. 4946 for Extension of Time fee; and
5. Return Postcard.

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